



COUNCIL BRIEFS

January 13, 2014 • University City Department Updates

This Council Brief provides information regarding City activities. This document is produced bi-weekly. For more detail please contact the City Manager at (314) 505-8534.

Meetings

- **Human Relations Commission Meeting**
 - January 16, 6:30 – 9:00 PM @ Heman Park Community Center
- **CALOP Meeting**
 - January 23, 6:00 – 8:00 PM @ University City Library (Auditorium)
- **City Council Meeting Regular Session**
 - January 27, 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM @ City Hall (City Council Chambers)
- **Pension Board Meeting**
 - January 28, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM @ Heman Park Community Center

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

DISBURSEMENTS

The Finance Department is responsible for issuing Accounts Payable (AP) checks for the City. During the period of December 27 – January 9, Finance has issued two (2) AP checks that were greater than \$50,000.00. The below table represents the vendor, dollar amount paid and purpose:

	VENDOR	AMOUNT PAID	DESCRIPTION
1	Wachter, Inc.	\$160,261.19	New firehouse construction
2	St. Louis Area Insurance Trust	\$386,613.00	Second half of annual premium: work comp, general, auto, police liability

YEAR END PROCESSING

Staff has started the preparation and reconciling payroll information for the processing of calendar year 2013 W-2's, 1099R's and 1099's. These forms will be mailed to all employees, retirees and vendors by January 31, 2014.

SOLID WASTE

Solid Waste Billing

The Finance Department mailed out Route 5 refuse bills for the 1/1/2014-6/30/2014 billing cycle at the end of December 2013, a total of 1,687 bills, with current charges of \$197,872.88.

Solid Waste Delinquent Billing

Staff has prepared and mailed approximately 2,296 in delinquent bills during the week of January 6. The below table represents the delinquent bills:

Route	# of Delinquent Bills	# of Days Late/Billing Cycle
1	460	120/September 2013
2	185	90/October 2013
3	716	60/November 2013
4	935	30/December 2013

Solid Waste - Shut-Off Notices

The Finance Department mailed Shut-Off notices to delinquent accounts in Route 1 on Friday, December 13, 2013. Approximately, 80 accounts received Shut-Off notices. As of Thursday, January 9, 2014, 59 accounts did not respond to the Shut-Off notices. Starting on Monday, January 13, 2014, these 59 accounts will have their trash service "Shut-Off" and their trash and recycling carts will be removed by the Solid Waste Division. 34 accounts are considered first time shut-offs and 25 accounts are being shut-off due to delinquent payment agreements.

Shut-Off notices were mailed on January 3, 2014 to delinquent accounts in Route 2. Approximately, 18 notices were sent out. Of the 18 notices, 9 accounts are considered first time shut-offs and 9 accounts are being shut-off due to delinquent payment agreements.

PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS

PROJECTS:

- Ferguson Bridge Replacement: Construction in progress. After extension of contract time, project will continue construction weather permitting and liquidated damages will be charged to the contractor if project is not completed before March 15, which is the proposed completion day by the contractor, Gansner Excavating & Grading LLC.
- Jackson Pedestrian Signal Replacement: Construction in progress. Contract time sixty (60) calendar days. Coordination with the University City School District in place to allow students' access to the sidewalks being replaced.
- Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Upgrades on Etzel Ave, Kingsland Ave, 82nd Blvd and Old Bonhomme Rd (STP-5402 (607)): Project substantially completed as of December 2, 2013 with contractor currently working on punch list items completion.
- Transfer Station Structural Repair: Due to issues with the concrete below the topping course, additional work needs to be completed before topping course can be applied. Project will be closed after repair work is completed, final inspection is completed and final paperwork is submitted.
- Bicycle Striping on Canton Ave, Old Bonhomme Rd and Jackson Ave (STP-5402(609)): Preliminary Design approved by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and the University City School District comments have been addressed. Final Design submitted to MoDOT for review in December 2013.
- Olive Blvd/Westgate Ave Intersection Improvements Project (STP- 5402 (611)): Preliminary design is revised to address St. Louis County's comments and will be submitted this January to MoDOT along with Right-of-Way acquisition plans.
- Chamberlain Bridge Replacement (STP-5402(610)): Engineering consultant submitted final plans, specifications and estimates and the City is reviewing to approve submission to MoDOT this January.
- Fiscal Year 2013 Spring Asphalt Overlay Project: Contract awarded to Gershenson Construction Co Inc. Work has been completed. Awaiting closeout documentation.
- Municipal Parks Grant Project for Millar Park Improvements: Contract awarded to Kozeny-Wagner Inc. City forces have begun removals in the park in preparation for contractor and

anticipate completion this January. Time extension granted to complete the project by May of 2014

- Sewer Lateral Repair Program Annual Contract: Contractor is working on twelve (12) projects tasked under this contract.
- Fiscal Year 2014 Concrete Curb and Sidewalk Replacement Project No. 1: Contract awarded to Krupp Construction Inc. at the September 9, 2013 City Council meeting. Construction began on December 2, 2013 on Melrose Ave and Mount Vernon Ave. Due to the current weather conditions, construction is on hold.
- Fiscal Year 2014 Sidewalk Repairs Project: Notice of Award has been given to J L Brown Contracting Services Inc. Work began November 2013 and has been completed on Abbeville Dr. and Jeanerette Dr. Repairs have been moved to Cornell Ave before moving on to other locations, weather permitting.
- Teasdale Avenue Sidewalk Connection: Waiting for project approval.
- Comments for new digital message board plans are in review.
- Fiscal Year 2014 Curb Ramp Design Project: Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen Inc. is the design consultant. Surveying and design substantially completed. Consultant has submitted an amendment to their contract to include additional survey and design of Americans with Disabilities (ADA) ramps.

- Fiscal Year 2014 Concrete Curb and Sidewalk Replacement Project No. 2: Scheduled to advertise for bids in mid-January for work to take place in early spring 2014.
- Concrete Slab Repairs and Alleys: Notice of Award has been given to J L Brown Contracting Services In. Project will begin when Fiscal Year 2014 Sidewalk Repairs Project is complete, weather permitting.
- Cracksealing: Contract award to PLM, Inc. was approved by City Council. Signed contracts received from contractor. Project work is anticipated to begin as soon as suitable weather conditions are reached.
- Asphalt Rejuvenators: Contract award to CAM, LLC was approved by City Council. Signed contracts received from contractor. Project work will be performed in spring 2014.
- 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual sidewalk funds have been released, and a concrete sidewalk-curb repairs project planned on 6600 block of Bartmer Ave, 6500 block of Corbitt Ave, and 6700 block of Julian Ave. City Council approved award of project to Westfall Hauling Inc. on November 12, 2013. Notice of Award has been sent to contractor. Project to begin as soon as suitable weather conditions are reached.
- Ultra-Thin Hot-Mix-Asphalt Project: Scheduled for spring 2014 and streets selected for project will be crack sealed and base repaired, weather permitting, before the paving season begins. City staff will begin marking areas for base repairs prior to contract work starting. Project bidding planned for this January/February.
- Fiscal Year 2014 Asphalt Overlay: Award of contract to Ford Asphalt Company is ready to be sent to City Council for approval. Notice of Award will be sent upon City Council approval of quantities, project to begin spring 2014. Fiscal Year 2014 Asphalt Overlay 2-Project will be bid this January/February 2014.

ENGINEERING/ADMINISTRATION

- Working with Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) in regards to being a co-permittee on the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) as now required by Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Co-permittee application submitted on May 10, 2013. Permit has not been received to date, but City is to proceed as if permitted in order to meet permit goals. The first goal to meet is implementing municipal land disturbance programs and adopting storm water ordinances to regulate and enforce post-construction strategies in new and

redevelopment projects. This goal must be completed by June 30.

- Updating the Right-of-Way Rules and Regulations: City restoration draft standard drawings/specifications are under review.
- Washington University Loop Student Living Initiative project in Delmar Loop, construction in progress.
- Delmar Loop Area Parking Study: Crawford Bunte Brammeier (CBB) Traffic and Transportation Engineers will complete the study once the Trolley Project submits final plans reflecting new parking availability for loading zones.
- Mock roundabout at Trinity Ave-Delmar Blvd has been operational since July 25. City's traffic engineering consultant reported traffic operations to be acceptable. Phase II: Temporary closure of Trinity Ave (the perpendicular street) at Delmar Blvd, both north and south sides closures were evaluated by CBB Traffic and Transportation Engineers and found the traffic and pedestrian operations functional. Results presented at the November 2013 Traffic Commission meeting and the commission's recommendation was to keep Trinity Ave open on both sides of Delmar Blvd ensuring safe access to pedestrians by moving the crosswalks away from the intersection and moving the vehicular accesses from Delmar Blvd to Trinity Ave to a visible point to make turns safely.
- Green Practices Commission was held on January 9.
- The adopted University City Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan were recently recorded by St. Louis County and printed copies will be distributed. The adopted plan will also be available on the University City website.
- Staff will prepare and submit an article for the March/April 2014 *ROARS* newsletter about the Bring Conservation Home program which was recently adopted by City Council in December 2013.
- The Green Practices Commission recommended the Bring Conservation Home program to staff. City staff reviewed the program and developed the resolution to be reviewed by Council during the December 9, 2013 meeting.
- No Traffic Commission meeting in January. Next meeting scheduled for February 12.
- Staff is working with Trailnet to finalize and print the Adopted University City Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan document.
- Ongoing reporting, monitoring, and inventorying of street light outages.
- Ongoing review and approval of private development projects on MyGov for building permit issuance.
- Staff is working to streamline the plan review methodology to incorporate MyGov review steps to assure timely permit issuance.
- Design in progress for improvements to Ackert Walkway/Ackert Plaza, for both safety and aesthetics from Kuhlmann Design Group Inc. Ackert walkway arch type sign incorporated in this project. Preliminary plans submitted to the City in November 2013. After archway design is submitted, this project will be presented to both Arts and Letters and Park Commissions.
- Staff prepared a draft of the Delmar Boulevard streetscape design guidelines to standardize streetscape design. Revisions ongoing.
- Olive Boulevard Standards are being upgraded to be submitted to City Council for approval.
- Staff is working on a detailed five (5) year plan for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects.
- Army Corps of Engineers Study Flood Buy-Out: River Des Peres, Army Corps in the process of finalizing the small study for use in future Grant planning. The Army Corps is still waiting on word as to whether or not funds will be available in the federal fiscal year 2015 to finalize the full study.

- 98% Loop Trolley Plans received September 15, 2013 and reviewed by Staff. 100% Loop Trolley plans not submitted as of January 8. Staff met with the Loop Trolley Project Manager, Chris Poehler, to review all agreements listed as part of the conditions of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Staff provided comments on operations and maintenance agreement drafted by the Loop Trolley Company.
- Staff completed cost estimate and received a proposal from a consultant for the master plan update to Heman Park. Staff awaiting the grant agreements from the Municipal Parks Grant Commission for partial funding of the study.
- Staff completed cost estimate and received a proposal from a consultant for Lewis Park improvements. Staff submitted a grant application to the Municipal Parks Grant Commission and is awaiting the grant agreements.
- Staff is preparing Fiscal Year 2015 CIPs and a special study session to finalize program is scheduled for January 13.
- Staff is working with St. Louis County on an agreement for the County to perform pavement markings on an annual basis for a set unit price. This contract setting is similar to contracts between the County and other municipalities close to University City. Draft agreement received from the County and it is under review.

STREETS

- Leaf Collection update: The final area of the leaf collection was nearly complete when inclement weather interrupted the service. Crews will complete the Central Area when weather and ground conditions allow.
- All available staff involved in snow removal.

PARKS

- Continuing the City's portion of the demolition work for the Millar Park Phase I renovation project.
- Provided supplemental manpower for annual street leaf collection.
- All available staff involved in snow removal.

FORESTRY

- Tree planting continues through the winter when ground conditions allow.
- Crew working leaf collection and snow removal duties.

GOLF

- Leaf mulching, leaf and acorn removal from greens and fairways when ground and weather conditions allowed.
- Performing off season equipment maintenance.
- Assisted with snow removal.

SOLID WASTE

- University City received a Grant from the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District for \$10,000 to implement a recycling education program. Funds will be used to create and mail an informational brochure about solid waste programs to University City residents during spring/summer 2014. Staff will be meeting with the graphic designer during January to begin developing the brochure.
- The new order of dumpsters is scheduled to arrive during the week of January 13.
- Solid Waste staff will begin removing trash and recycling containers from homes with

shut-off trash accounts in Route 1-Monday, during the week of January 13.

- The yard waste sticker requirement was delayed and will officially begin on January 13.

FLEET

- Accepted delivery of a new utility loader/tool carrier for the Public Works and Parks Department.
 - Accepted delivery of a new forestry aerial truck.
 - Continued routine maintenance and repair.
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Major Development Projects

- Firehouse: Construction is complete and the building is occupied.
- Vanguard Crossing: Buildings 1, 2, 3 and garage are complete and permits are finalized; construction work is ongoing on buildings 4-6 with the exterior work being completed.
- Washington University Loop Student Living Initiative: Approximately 75% of the interior work has been completed in Building 1A; the foundation, elevator shafts and steel structure have been completed in Building 1B; Buildings 2-3 have a majority of the exterior work completed; interior framing and systems installation is progressing.
- Habitat Houses on Plymouth Avenue: Construction of four new homes has been completed.
- New Walgreens at Delmar Blvd/Delcrest Ct: Interior work is progressing; a majority of the exterior work is completed.
- New Goodwill: Site work has begun to prepare for footings and foundations.
- Daycare at Delcrest Ct (Little Sunshine's Playhouse): Site work is completed to pour footings and foundations.

Miscellaneous Projects

- Facilities Maintenance Division prepared a Request for Proposals for a new sound system at the Heman Park Community Center.
- After 23 years with the City, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Terry Strausbaugh retired. We wish him well.

RECREATION DIVISION

- On December 27, 2013, Centennial Commons hosted a blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross.
- As of December 31, the Centennial Commons senior health plan membership programs ended 2013 with 250 Silver Sneakers and 12 Silver & Fit active memberships.
- January 1st Centennial Commons kicked off a variety of "It's all about a new FIT you" membership and class incentives and its "Super Bowl Fitness Challenge" from January 2 – February 2 (please see attached flyers).
- Due to the colder weather, the annual January "Fitness and Fun" Buffet kicked off on Tuesday, January 7, 2014. Several new faces "braved the cold" to take advantage of our FREE fitness and fun classes.
- Due to heating issues, Heman Park Community Center became a temporary shelter for 50+ Parkview Gardens Apartment residents on Tuesday, January 7. By 8:00 PM that

evening, the heating was repaired and all residents were transported back to their apartments.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Responses for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a City Hall Annex Historic Preservation Assessment were received and were evaluated as per the Qualification Based Selection process. Staff is negotiating the scope of work and contract with the best qualified firm.
- Staff continued to carry out the economic development work-plan, including meeting with individuals/brokers/developers interested in locating in University City. Staff met with prospective developers for a few sites near the Loop and on Olive Boulevard. Staff worked on projects associated with the Economic Development Retail Sales Tax.
- Staff consulted with Washington University in St. Louis professors and students regarding a potential project along Ackert Park. A process to involve Boards and Commissions in the design will be developed, based on feedback from Park Commission.
- Staff continues to work with the University City School District on the roof project at the high school gyms.
- The Updated Revised Draft Parkview Gardens Neighborhood Sustainability Plan was approved by Plan Commission. Staff scheduled a public hearing on the document for the January 13 City Council meeting. The document will be presented to City Council for consideration at a separate Council meeting.

Comprehensive Plan Update

- City Council authorization for the City Manager to enter into a contract with the planning consultant will be requested on January 13. A kickoff meeting date will be finalized after the City Council meeting, and additional information will be provided as soon as possible.

Upcoming Board and Commission meeting information.

Board/Commission Items – January 2014

Board/Commission	Meeting Date	Applicant/Petitioner	Request/Proposal	Proposal Location	Ward
Historic Preservation Commission	1/16/2014	North Delmar FY14, LLC c/o The Lawrence Group	Design Review for proposed exterior renovations to six multi-family buildings	726, 736, and 740 Westgate Ave; 726, 730, and 745 Interdrive St. (Delmar Loop/Parkview Gardens Historic District-National Register Historic District)	2
Historic Preservation Commission	1/16/2014	University City School District c/o Bond Architects	Design Review for proposed window replacement at Jackson Park School	7400 Balson Avenue (University City Education Complex Historic District-Local Historic District and National Register District)	2
Historic Preservation Commission	1/16/2014	University City School District c/o Bond Architects	Design Review for proposed library/classroom addition to University City High School	7401 Balson Avenue (University City Education Complex Historic District-Local Historic District and National Register District)	2
Plan Commission	1/23/2014	Joe Edwards c/o Kiku Obata and Company	Conditional Use Permit to allow a ground floor restaurant (non-retail) in PD-M Planned Development Mixed Use District	6261 Delmar Boulevard (Building 1B in Washington University Development in The Loop)	2

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- City Hall Access Control:
 - System running.
 - Finalizing project with a few changes still needing to be made.
- Request for Proposal (RFP) for Storage/Backup/Disaster Recovery:
 - Disaster recovery copy made; ready to be deployed.
- Wi-Fi being upgraded in City Hall:
 - 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floor completed.
 - Completing 1st floor.
- Budget numbers completed; Program specific technology moved to specific programs.
- Refresh computers were received and are being implemented.
- Staff is preparing a Request for Qualification (RFQ) for potential agenda software options:
 - Waiting on results
- Redundant Internet Connection:
 - Antennas installed; equipment being configured.
- Centennial Commons Camera Installation:
 - Installation complete.
- Waiting for a switch to be installed before they will go live

LIBRARY

EVENTS

January 16
11:00 AM

Computer Class

Introduction to the Internet

Learn how to access the internet and find information using search engines. Computer classes are free and do not require registration. All classes are designed for beginners and last one hour.

January 16
7:00 PM

Let's Talk About It: Muslim Journeys Registration Open!

We've officially begun registration for our 2014 program series sponsored by ALA and NEH called Let's Talk about It: Muslim Journeys. Participants will read five books and participate in a series of discussions lead by Gultan Ilhan, a philosophy professor at STLCC Meramec. Gultan Ilhan has also conducted many workshops and seminars aimed at fostering understanding and communication among Muslims and people of other faith traditions, so she should be a great facilitator. Our program partner for this is Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis, <http://www.interfaithstl.org>.

University City Public Library is one of 125 libraries and state humanities council across the country selected to participate in the project, which seeks to familiarize public audiences in the United States with the people, places, history, faith and cultures of Muslims in the United States and around the world.

Discussion meetings will take place monthly in the University City Public Library auditorium.

- *Prince among Slaves*/Terry Alford **January 16**
- Selections from *The Columbia Sourcebook* **February 27**
- *Acts of Faith*/Ebo Patel **March 20**
- *A Quiet Revolution*/Leila Ahmed **April 17**
- *The Butterfly Mosque: a young American Women's Journey to Love and Islam*/G. Willow Wilson **May 15**

This program is free, but advance registration is required. Contact the library at (314) 727-3150 or email: ucplreference@ucpl.lib.mo.us.

January 20 **Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr Day**

January 21
7:00 PM **Readings in History Book Group**

Join us for a discussion of Simon Garfield's *On the Map*. We'll also have copies of next month's selection, *The March on Washington* by William P. Jones.

January 22
7:00 PM **Wednesday Evening Book Discussion Group**

Join us for a discussion of William Knoedelseder's *Bitter Brew: the Rise and Fall of Anheuser-Busch and America's King of Beers*. We'll also have copies of next month's selection, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. Refreshments will be served.

January 23
11:00 AM **Computer Class**
Web Email Accounts

Sign up for a free email account and learn the basics of sending and receiving email. Computer classes are free and do not require registration. All classes are designed for beginners and last one hour.

CHILDREN, TEEN, AND FAMILY EVENTS

October 2 – **Treehouse Book Club**
March 5 *For 4th, 5th and 6th graders*
7:00 –
8:00 PM

The Treehouse Book Club provides readers an opportunity to talk about books and meet new friends. Meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month from October 2013 – March 2014. This year the theme is "Extraordinary Ordinary Kids." We will be discussing books about ordinary kids doing extraordinary things and extraordinary kids trying to be ordinary. Book club members are expected to read the book before coming to the meeting.

Featured Books:
-- *No Meeting in January* --

February 5, 2014 – Chomp by Carl Hiaasen
March 12, 2014 – Title to be announced

There is a one-time fee of \$4.00 due at the registration. The fee covers the cost of treats and a pizza and book party at the end of the program.

For more information call UCPL Youth Services at (314) 727-3150 or email: kclodfelter@ucpl.lib.mo.us.

Register early. Space is limited!

**October 9 –
March 12
7:00 –
8:00 PM**

Show Me Reader Book Club

For 2nd and 3^d graders

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from October 2013 – March 2014. Club members will listen to and discuss 1 or 2 books. Nominated for the Missouri Young Readers “Show Me Award”. Meetings include a craft or game activity and a treat

Meeting Dates:

-- *No Meeting in January* --

February 12, 2014

March 12, 2014

Advance registration is required. A \$4.00 fee is due at the registration to cover the cost of refreshments.

For more information call UCPL Youth Services at (314) 727-3150.

**January 11 –
March 1
2:30 PM –
4:30 PM**

Toastmasters International® Youth Leadership Training

An interactive 8-week course in the arts of communication and leadership for 7th – 12th graders.

Advance registration required: \$4 registration fee for manual and materials.

Call Marilyn Phillips at (314) 727-3150 or email: mphillips@ucpl.lib.mous for more information.

**January 16
4:00 PM**

Movies

“Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters”, Rated PG

Movies are shown in Lil’s Treehouse on the 2nd floor. Admission is FREE.

**January 18
10:30 AM**

Ice Carnival Storytelling

Start your Loop Ice Carnival fun with a stop at the library for stories and songs with Ms. W. On your way out, visit our game table. You may win a book or a toy and your donation helps purchase new books for the Youth Services Department.

**January 21 –
February 13**

Winter Storytime Session

“Winter Wonderland”

Toddler Tales (18 – 24 months), 30 minute rhymes and movement program

- Mondays – 9:45 AM, January 27 – February 10
- Mondays – 10:30 AM, January 27 – February 10

NOTE: No storytime on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 20

Tales and More for 2s (24-36 months), 40 minute stories, songs and activities program

- Wednesdays – 9:30 AM, January 22 – February 12
- Thursdays – 9:30 AM, January 23 – February 13

Stories and More for 3-5 year olds, 50 minute stories, songs and activities program

- Wednesdays – 10:30 AM, January 22 – February 12
- Thursdays – 10:30 AM, January 23 – February 12
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Evening Storytime and More

3-6 year olds, 45 minute stories, songs and activities program

- Tuesdays – 6:30 PM, January 21 – February 11

Advance registration required. Call (314) 727-3150 to register for each session.

**January 23
7:00 –
8:30 PM**

Teen Spot Gaming Nights

For 7th graders and up

Bring your favorite electronic games or try out our Xbox 360 and Wii games every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from September 2013 - January 2014.

CENTENNIAL COMMONS



January Membership & Class Incentives **January 1-31**

Register for two or more classes -
receive either one (1) FREE 20 visit Centennial Commons
pass or one (1) FREE CubCare 20 visit swipe card.

*All class registrations must be on same transaction

Purchase or Renew a Centennial Commons membership -
and one (1) FREE additional month will be added*

*Thirteen (13) months for the price of twelve (12)

Purchase for a 5, 10 or 20 Visit Personal Training package -
receive one (1) FREE basic fitness assessment
with one of our personal trainers.

Purchase a Buddy or Group Personal Training package -
you and your buddy or members of the group receive -
one (1) FREE basic fitness assessment
with one of our personal trainers.



CENTENNIAL COMMONS

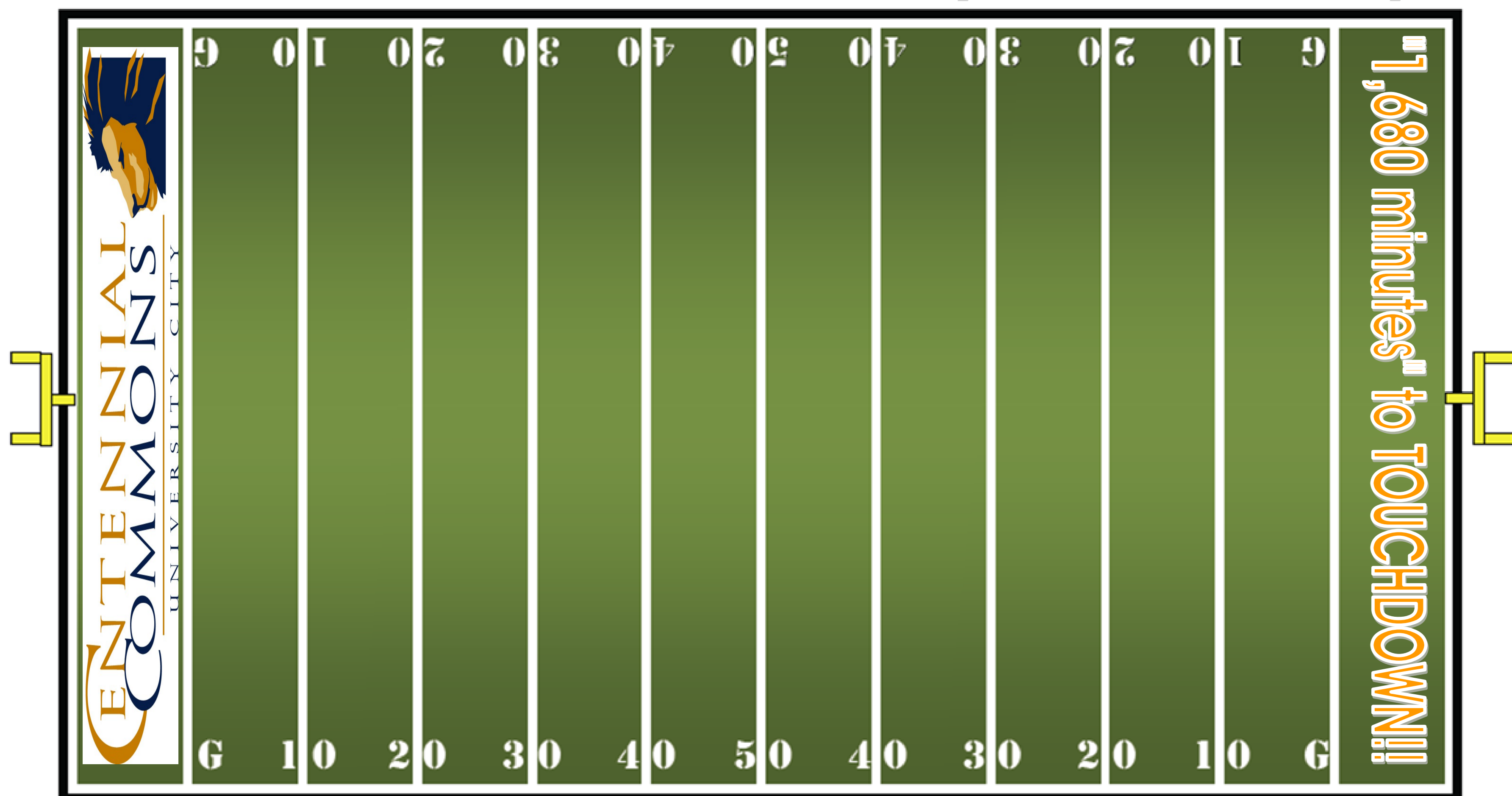


Sign up for our



"SuperBowl" Fitness Challenge





January 2-February 2



Each "down" = 60 recorded minutes of exercise

First to 1,680 minutes - wins our GRAND PRIZE

Challenge Rules:

-  The challenge is **FREE** to participate, but you must register at the Control Desk.
-  All exercise **MUST** be conducted at Centennial Commons.
-  For tracking purposes, all exercise minutes **must be** recorded and placed in record box on the day it occurs. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!
-  Recordable exercises minutes include: group exercise classes, walking (track or soccer area perimeter), free weight and fitness areas.



Youth Leadership Program

Sponsored by: Toastmasters International®
Hosted by: University City Public Library

An interactive 8-week course in the Art of Communication and Leadership taught by a member of Toastmasters International, a public speaking organization.

For 7th-12th graders.

Saturdays, January 11 – March 1, 2014
U. City Library 6701 Delmar Blvd.
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Advance registration is required. Registration fee is \$4.00.

For more information call Marilyn Phillips at 727-3150.

Return form to U. City Library Youth Services Dept. with \$4.00 registration fee



Child's Name _____ **Phone** _____
Home/Cell

Email Address _____ (for weekly class updates & reminders)

Home Address _____ **Zip** _____

School _____ **Grade** _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature
with video release _____

Video Release: Your signature grants permission to take photographs or use video footage of you and/or your child for the purpose of sharing among the Youth Leadership participants and for publicity related to the Youth Leadership program. We will not release any child's name unless we get separate permission. We will not use the video images for commercial purposes.



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Announcements...

2014 APA—St. Louis Metro Section Call for Award Nominations

Every year, the St. Louis Metro Section of the American Planning Association (SLMS-APA) issues a Call for Award Nominations requesting local, regional, state, and multi-jurisdictional governments as well as non-profit entities, planning consultants and development groups to apply for the metropolitan area's only awards focused entirely on urban and regional planning. This year, applicants are encouraged to apply for any of four award categories: Outstanding Award for Plan Making; Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan Implementation; Outstanding Award for Best Planning Practice; and the Dwight F. Davis Award for Outstanding Planning Advocate. Details for award categories and the nomination form can be found at www.mo-apa.org/slms-awards. The deadline for submitting nominations is January 31, 2014. Section membership is not required to nominate or be nominated for an award. Awards winners will be announced and recognized at the SLMS-APA annual Spring Planning Workshop to be held March 11, at Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center, Kirkwood.

Missouri Botanical Garden Offering RainScaping Prize Drawing

Also, Deer Creek Watershed RainScape Rebates Program is back. Rebates up to \$2,000

For a limited time Missouri Botanical Garden is offering a RainScaping Prize Drawing. Go to www.mobot.org/rainscaping by February 11, for a chance to win a \$500 gift certificate for Shaw Nature Reserve's Spring Wildflower Market in May, or one of five other rainscaping prizes valued at \$350 to \$1,000. In addition, landowners in 19 participating municipalities, including residents, schools, churches, and businesses are eligible to take part in a RainScape Rebates Program. This voluntary program financially assists landowners in and near the Deer Creek Watershed wishing to landscape their yards to improve stormwater management. Rebates of up to \$2,000 are available, and the application deadline is February 12. Visit www.deercreekalliance.org/rainscaperebates.aspx to learn more.

Missouri Waste Control Coalition Call for Conference Presenters

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Applicants under the Age of 40 Sought for Urban Leadership Gathering

Next year from April 24-26, forty young leaders from cities across the country will convene in Chattanooga, Tenn. for an intensive three-day series of presentations, workshops, tours and other activities. The Vanguard conference, an annual experiential urban leadership gathering, convenes the best and brightest young urban leaders working to improve cities across sectors, including urban planning, community development, entrepreneurship, government, transportation, sustainability, design, art and media. This year, Next City will select forty new applicants whose bright ideas for cities, experience in the field and ambition for the future all show great promise to become members of the 2014 Vanguard class. Non-profits directors, city council members, artists, private sector leaders, and other individuals influencing the direction of their cities are invited to apply. Only catch? Applicants must be under the age of 40. Applications for the 2014 Vanguard Conference are being accepted now through February 14. Learn more and apply at <http://nextcity.org/vanguard>.

Call for Proposals - Sustainability Conference 2014

Webster University Sustainability Coalition will be hosting the third annual sustainability conference April 10-11, at Webster University. The conference planners seek proposals that address diverse perspectives and innovative approaches to present and future challenges to sustainability. The goal of the conference is to promote innovative thinking about sustainability by fostering critical discourse and respectful conversations representing a variety of viewpoints. To that end, a limited number of proposals will be carefully selected to create focused sessions on critical issues within the field of sustainability. Proposals are due by January 15. For more information on conference topics and to submit a proposal, go to www.webster.edu/sustainability/conference/cfp.html. Direct questions about your proposal and the conference to sustainability@webster.edu.

Conferences and Events...

January 7: O&M and Green: Best Practices for Green Infrastructure Operations and Maintenance

This webcast will provide a general overview of best practices for creating a green infrastructure operations and maintenance plan. Speakers will also cover specific lessons learned from early adopters of both regulatory and incentive approaches to ensuring proper O&M on both public and private property. This is the first in a series of 2014 U.S. EPA Green Infrastructure Program webcasts geared towards public officials and practitioners just beginning to implement green infrastructure, as well as those looking to enhance established programs. Leading academics and professionals from around the country will cover a range of topics and applications, from best practices in operations and maintenance to the intersection of green infrastructure and climate change. This webcast will be held from noon - 1:30 PM CST. Register to participate at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/959089816>

January 13: Building Green Infrastructure, Jobs, and Wealth - Webcast

The Prince George's County, Maryland Urban Stormwater Retrofit Public Private Partnership (P3) Model

This webcast is targeted to professionals interested in innovative financing of urban stormwater retrofits, green jobs, sustainable redevelopment, and green infrastructure for addressing MS4, TMDL, and other requirements and needs. This session will feature the innovative Prince George's County, Maryland Demonstration Pilot Program which illustrates key steps you need to set up and implement a successful community-based Public Private Partnership (P3) for a green infrastructure-driven urban stormwater retrofit program. Presentations will describe the process for pulling together the needed expertise - from RFQ to implementation. The webcast will be presented from noon - 2:00 PM CST. Go to <http://goo.gl/VbYwM4> for more information and register to participate.

January 14: Northeast Public Sewer District Public Meeting

The Northeast Public Sewer District will host a public meeting on January 14 at 6 PM at the district's office located at 1041 Gravois Road, Fenton. Based on findings of a recently completed Continuing Authority

Feasibility Study, the district is requesting that the original 1978 St. Louis 208 Water Quality Management Plan be amended to eliminate the requirements for the construction of sewer interceptors under the Meramec River connecting to the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District Lower Meramec Tunnel. The district is also seeking comment on its request to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to be granted Level 2 Continuing Authority under the St. Louis 208 Water Quality Management Plan. For more information, contact Bob Hembrook, executive director, at (636) 343-5090.

January 15: APA Luncheon: St. Louis County Strategic Plan - Data Driven and Policy Focused

The St. Louis Metropolitan Section - American Planning Association (APA) will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Wednesday, January 15, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, at Syberg's, 7802 Gravois Road, St. Louis. Non-APA members are welcome to attend. Description: St. Louis County recently adopted a new strategic plan, *Imagining Tomorrow for St. Louis County*. The plan is the result of an 18 month planning process. Justin Carney, senior planner with St. Louis County, will provide an overview of the Plan, including analysis of 2010 Census data and the policy framework developed as a result of the analysis. The presentation will explain the three policy areas addressed in the plan: the aging of the population, the emerging Millennial population and the concentration of the poverty. The presentation will focus on the strategic planning process and include information regarding the Policy Roundtable discussions and the Community Leaders Idea Exchange. The presentation will outline the future direction for the county and discuss lessons learned. Registration deadline is January 10. For more information and link to the registration page, go to www.mo-apa.org/events/saint-louis-events.

January 16: Financing for Public and Private Sector Energy Efficient Upgrades - Webinar

At this webinar, learn how public sector organizations are improving energy efficiency with innovative solutions to financial barriers. Attendees will learn about financing projects in the public and private sectors, the basics of performance contracting, and how EPA's tools and resources can help you make the decision to improve your facilities now or later. The webinar will be presented January 16, from 1:00 - 2:15 PM CST. Register to participate at <http://goo.gl/tHk6xu>.

January 18: Creating a Beloved Community - A Public Forum to Present the Findings of the Missouri Civic Health Index

In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, on Saturday, January 18, the United Way of Greater St. Louis, Washington University in St. Louis, Saint Louis University, the University of Missouri – St. Louis, and Missouri State University, will present the findings of the 2012 Missouri Civic Health Assessment, a study of civic participation in the St. Louis region and across Missouri. Civic Health is measured using four broad categories: Social Capital; Non-political Civic Participation; Electoral and Non-Electoral Political Participation; and Confidence in Institutions. Honoring the tradition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. forum participants will enjoy breakfast together while engaging in civic dialogue aimed at generating mutual understanding and a commitment to continued service. Two calls-to-action will immediately follow the interactive presentation. Forum participants will complete on-site service projects at the event, and an agency resource fair will connect participants to community resources and opportunities to engage in future volunteer projects. This event will honor the diverse history of St. Louis, celebrating its 250th anniversary in 2014, by inspiring people to engage in purposeful service projects aimed at restoring the physical and socio-economic fabric of St. Louis communities. Event is 9:00 to 11:30 AM, including a breakfast, panel of experts, table topic roundtable discussions, and agency and volunteer resource fair. For more information and to register to attend (registration required), go to www.stlvolunteer.org/MLK.

January 22: Green Goods: How to Create Sustainable County Purchasing and Procurement Programs - NACO Webcast

As counties strive to reduce waste, conserve energy and lower operational costs, purchasing recycled and environmentally friendly goods, materials and services can greatly contribute to meeting a county's financial and sustainability goals. The National Associations of Counties (NACO) hosts this webcast on how you can help your county develop an environmentally preferred purchasing program, navigate the myriad of product eco-labels and green purchasing guidelines and hear success stories from counties that have established sustainable purchasing and procurement programs. The webinar will be held January 22, from 1:00 - 2:15 PM CST. Register at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/657367490>.

January 27 and 29: Campaign Skills Workshop

Description: Just like you need a blueprint to build a house, you need a plan to build a campaign. On January 27 and 29, the Sue Shear Institute will offer "Pipeline to Local Office," a timely two-day seminar for candidates for local office and their supporters. Topics include: developing a winning campaign plan and budget, targeting voters, fundraising, and getting voters to the polls. Classes are held from 6-9 PM in Woods Hall Room 101, UM-St. Louis. Cost: \$70 (\$85 after Jan. 17). You can't afford to make it up as you go along. For more information or to register, contact Michelle Landers-Ochsner at (314) 516-4727 or visit www.umsl.edu/sueshear.

What's in the News...

In national news...

Replace the Gas Tax with a "Ton-Mile Fee"

As we inexorably approach the day the Highway Trust Fund goes broke, more policy experts offer creative alternatives to the per gallon gasoline tax. Michael Webber of the Energy Institute at UT Austin describes his option in a New York Times op-ed.

Webber, an associate professor of mechanical engineering and deputy director of the Energy Institute at the University of Texas at Austin, suggests that marrying the weight of the vehicle with the distance it travels makes more sense than attempting to increase the 18.4-cent gas tax, unchanged since 1993.

"A better option is a "ton mile" fee based on how far vehicles travel and how heavy they are, so that all drivers pay their fair share to fix the resulting road damage. A one-ton car (which is typical for a compact car) that is driven 7,500 miles annually inflicts much less road damage than a two-ton truck that is driven 15,000 miles. While the gas tax captures some of that difference, as the truck driver would buy more fuel, it is not perfectly aligned."

As for the problems associated with vehicle-miles-traveled fees, he proposes a low-tech alternative:

"(R)ather than using tracking devices, the fee could be assessed during an annual sticker renewal or inspection that is conducted at state level: All the inspector has to do is read the odometer, look up the gross vehicle weight of the car's make and model, then assess the fee. With a fee on the order of two cents per ton mile, gas and diesel taxes could be eliminated entirely."

The advantages of the ton-mile-fee is that it encourages lighter vehicles (less wear on the roadway), reduced driving (fewer emissions) while ensuring that all vehicles, including the battery electrics like Tesla, pay their fair share.

Should Congress not act, be it on Webber's proposal or a straight-forward increase of the gas tax such as the bill proposed by Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore) on Dec 3, 2013, Webber reminds us that by "2015, the highway fund is expected to spend more than \$53 billion while collecting less than \$39 billion, leaving a shortfall that Congress will be forced to make up."

Read the full story at <http://goo.gl/Qwsi60>.

Source: *Planetizen Newswire*, December 30, 2013

Online Resources...

New Round of Resources for Rural Communities

Resources for Rural Communities, the section of Citizens' Institute on Rural Design's website devoted to providing design resources for rural communities, has been updated with a new round of diverse and useful resources. Whether you are simply looking for an effective way to reach out to community members, or want to create a new plan for your community's downtown or transportation system, Resources for Rural Communities will have a helpful resource to guide or inform you. The page includes webinars, worksheets, guides, case studies, and reports on issues of large and small scale: There are resources to help with

developing sustainability and creative placemaking in your community, and others on how small towns have confronted design and community issues that may be similar to your own community's. We have great case studies on how rural communities have both supported population growth, and have been revitalized from a declining population and downtown vacancies—along with many others on communities all over the country. The Resources for Rural Communities web page is <http://rural-design.org/resources?page=2>.

Jobs...

Manager of Economic Development

City of University City

The Manager of Economic Development is a senior level professional position in the Department of Community Development. Under the administrative direction of the Deputy Director of Planning, Zoning and Economic Development, the Manager of Economic Development is the lead person in the City's economic development and revitalization efforts. The incumbent is responsible for business attraction and retention; serving as a liaison between the City and various business organizations and associations; and managing and coordinating technical economic development strategies. The incumbent will spend a considerable amount of time in the field carrying out principal responsibilities. Pay Range: \$43,746 - \$55,313. Application deadline is January 10. View the full job posting and application instructions at www.ucitymo.org/index.aspx?NID=90. EOE

Executive Director

Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments

The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments, Maryville, Missouri, is seeking an Executive Director. The Executive Director works for and with a 26 person Board of Directors comprising local elected officials and community representatives and a staff of 10 experienced professionals. Major programs of the COG include regional transportation planning, economic development, solid waste (recycling) management, workforce development, GIS & technology, hazard mitigation, grant administration and a variety of other related efforts. A bachelor's degree in planning, public administration or related field is preferred. Salary range is \$53,000 - \$60,000, depending on experience, with benefits negotiable. Submit a resume with three professional-related references, no later than January 10, to: Board of Directors, Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments, 114 West Third Street, Maryville, MO 64468. EOE

Assistant City Engineer

City of O'Fallon, Ill.

The City of O'Fallon, Ill., is seeking a full-time Assistant City Engineer. This position is responsible for assisting the Director of Public Works (City Engineer) in performing professional, administrative, and supervisory civil engineering work relating to the design, construction, and maintenance of City infrastructure. Hire range is \$70,600 to \$88,296 DOQ. View the full job posting and application instructions at http://www.ofallon.org/Public_Documents/OFallonIL_Jobs. Closes January 30.

Executive Director

University City Chamber of Commerce

The University City, Missouri Chamber of Commerce is searching for a dynamic and goal oriented individual with a Bachelors Degree and min. of 2 years related experience including experience in working with a Board of Directors. Strong skills in membership development & retention are essential as well as finance, computer skills, marketing, advertising and community development & business relations. Salary is competitive and negotiable. Link to the full job posting and application instructions from www.universitycitychamber.com. EOE

Senior Planner

City of Chesterfield

This is a highly responsible position with professional and administrative responsibilities that assists in the Planning and Development Services Division. Work involves preparing and presenting complex reports by developing work plans, researching and analyzing data, conducting public meetings, making needs assessments and reporting findings or recommendations to the Architectural Review Board, Planning Commission, and Planning and Public Works Committee. Work includes both current and long range planning activities and responsibilities, assists in the review and development of department policies and procedures, and other special projects including transportation related projects. Meet with the public, developers, and consultants to review and discuss development proposals and regulations of the City of Chesterfield. View the full job posting and application instructions at www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html. EOE

Transportation Analyst II - Travel Demand Modeler

East-West Gateway Council of Governments

The East-West Gateway Council of Governments has an opening for a Transportation Analyst. This professional position reports to the Manager of Systems Evaluation and has general responsibility for developing and analyzing travel demand forecasts, as well as upgrading and maintaining the region's travel demand model. Experience in transportation systems modeling and statistical analysis is required. The salary is based on qualifications and experience. The Council offers a competitive benefits package. The full job description and application instructions are available at www.ewgateway.org/AboutUs/JobAds/jobads.htm. EOE/AA

Additional Job Opportunities

Planner – GIS Technician, City of Arnold: www.arnoldmo.org

Administrative Assistant to the Mayor/Deputy City Clerk, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$17.68/hr: www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources

Police Officer, City of Brentwood: www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx

Maintenance Worker, City of Crestwood, \$28,000 annual: www.ci.crestwood.mo.us

Administrative Clerk (Police Dept.), City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$15.25/hr.: www.ofallon.mo.us/images/pubs/HR/Admin%20Clerk.pdf

Healthy Communities Coordinator, Beyond Housing: <http://goo.gl/k0olCI>

Clerk I, City of Wentzville, \$12.40 - \$17.38/hr: www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx

Communications Officer, City of Wentzville, \$16.868- \$21.86/hr: www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx

Communications Manager, City of Wentzville, \$22.95 - \$32.13/hr: www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx

Corrections Technician, City of Wentzville, \$35,084 - \$49,115/yr: www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx

Police Officer, City of Wentzville, \$44,193- \$61,871/yr: www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx

Recreation Assistant, City of Wentzville, \$27,848 - \$38,989/yr: www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx

Warrant Clerk, City of O'Fallon, Mo., Step 1 - \$16.02/hr: www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources

HR Generalist; City of O'Fallon, Mo.; \$40,601-\$42,644 start; www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources

Maintenance Worker I, City of Fenton: www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874

Application/Web Developer, City of Chesterfield, start at \$51,892/yr.: www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html

Police Officer, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$44,802-\$47,071: www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources

Grants...

Youth Education Programs

The American Honda Foundation is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations and schools for

programs or projects that support the teaching of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Application for environmental projects, job training, and literacy programs will also be considered. Grants of up to \$75,000 will be awarded to qualified nonprofit organizations that are tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a public school district, private/public elementary, or secondary school as listed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics. Application deadline is February 1. Go to <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf> for more information.

Federal Recreational Trails Program - Missouri

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is accepting grant applications from private organizations and municipal, county or state agencies for the Fiscal Year 2014 grant round of the federal Recreational Trails Program. The Recreational Trails Program is funded through the Federal Highway Administration. Eligible project categories include development of new trails, construction, maintenance, and restoration. All grants are awarded on a reimbursement basis, and a minimum 20 percent match is required for projects. Application deadline is March 31. Go to "Recreational Trails Program (RTP)" at www.mostateparks.com/page/55065/outdoor-recreation-grants for more information and the schedule for call-in grant application workshops.

Projects to Improve Air Quality at Ports

Description: The Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) is soliciting proposals that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of tons of pollution produced by diesel engines and diesel emissions exposure, from fleets operating at marine and inland water ports. Eligible diesel vehicles, engines and equipment may include drayage trucks, marine engines, locomotives and nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles used in handling of cargo at a marine or inland water port. Eligible entities include public port authorities with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality at a marine or inland water port. Community groups, local governments, terminal operators, shipping carriers, and other business entities involved in port operations are encouraged to participate through partnerships with eligible port authorities. Closing date for applications is February 13. Go to www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=249119 for more information.

Economic Development Assistance Programs

Under the Economic Development Assistance Programs (EDAP) Federal Funding Opportunity announcement, EDA will make construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs. Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. EDA is soliciting applications from rural and urban communities to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions. EDA's investment priorities include environmentally sustainable development and economically distressed and underserved communities. Rolling deadlines for applications. For more information, see the opportunity synopsis at www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=248297.

EPA Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants

The FY2014 EPA Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants guidelines have been announced. Communities will have until January 22, 2014 to submit their applications. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has published guidance to assist applicants in preparing proposals for grants to assess and clean up Brownfields sites. EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and non profits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse Brownfields sites. EPA provides Brownfields funding for three types of grants: Brownfields Assessment Grants, Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants, and Brownfields Cleanup Grants. Proposal guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Grants are online at www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-13-05.pdf; Revolving Loan Fund proposal guidelines are online at www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-13-06.pdf; and Cleanup Grant proposal guidelines at www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-13-07.pdf.

Quotes...

"A lot of our clients don't even have a reliable mailing address, much less an email."

Katie League, outreach and enrollment manager for Health Care for the Homeless, on the difficulty of enrolling Maryland's homeless population in Medicaid using the state's health exchange website, which required every applicant to provide an email address.

Source: *Governing*, December 23, 2013

(The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services later waived the e-mail requirement.)

"It stinks up the car a little bit. Sometimes I think they wish they had the citation."

Major Lou Caputo, of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, who wears a Grinch costume and issues onions to speeders during the holiday season instead of traffic tickets.

Source: NBC Miami and *Governing*, December 23, 2013

(Motorists who travel about 5 mph or less above the school zone speed limit are entitled to choose between traffic citations and onions presented by the Grinch. The catch? Caputo pokes holes in the onions and lets them sit for about a month.)

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For Illinois and Missouri municipalities interested in applying for federal funds for local transportation projects, East-West Gateway Council of Governments is announcing that it will soon be accepting applications for Surface Transportation Program-Suballocated (STP-S) and Congestion Management and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) projects. Funds for On-System Bridge projects (BRM) are available for Missouri sponsors only.

STP-S funds can be used for projects such as: pavement preservation; highway expansion; congestion mitigation; safety; environmental mitigation; transit; and pedestrian facilities. Projects on roads functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors are not eligible for these funds. Bridges on any functionally classified road are eligible for STP-S funds, however, bridges on roads functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors may be replaced with only minimal connecting road work eligible for federal funds.

CMAQ funds are intended to fund transportation programs or projects that will contribute to attainment or maintenance of the national air quality standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, and particulate matter. Eligible activities include traffic flow improvement; demand management; shared ride services; bicycle/pedestrian facilities; transit vehicles/facilities; and operating assistance for new transit service. Maintenance projects such as road resurfacing/reconstruction and projects that add new capacity for single occupant vehicles are not eligible.

BRM funds can be used for replacement or full rehabilitation of eligible structures on MoDOT's eligible bridge list (non-state, federal-aid), seismic retrofit; preventive maintenance activities; seismic retrofit; and installation of scour countermeasures. BRM funds are only available in Missouri.

Applications and additional information will be posted to the East-West Gateway website (www.ewgateway.org) by mid -January and will be due March 13, 2014 at 5 PM.

2014 APA—St. Louis Metro Section Call for Award Nominations

Every year, the St. Louis Metro Section of the American Planning Association (SLMS-APA) issues a Call for Award Nominations requesting local, regional, state, and multi-jurisdictional governments as well as non-profit entities, planning consultants and development groups to apply for the metropolitan area's only awards focused entirely on urban and regional planning. This year, applicants are encouraged to apply for any of four award categories: Outstanding Award for Plan Making; Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan Implementation; Outstanding Award for Best Planning Practice; and the Dwight F. Davis Award for Outstanding Planning Advocate. Details for award categories and the nomination form can be found at www.mo-apa.org/slms-awards. The deadline for submitting nominations is January 31, 2014. Section membership is not required to nominate or be nominated for an award. Awards winners will be announced

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Call for Proposals - Sustainability Conference 2014

Webster University Sustainability Coalition will be hosting the third annual sustainability conference April 10-11, at Webster University. The conference planners seek proposals that address diverse perspectives and innovative approaches to present and future challenges to sustainability. The goal of the conference is to promote innovative thinking about sustainability by fostering critical discourse and respectful conversations representing a variety of viewpoints. To that end, a limited number of proposals will be carefully selected to create focused sessions on critical issues within the field of sustainability. Proposals are due by January 15. For more information on conference topics and to submit a proposal, go to www.webster.edu/sustainability/conference/cfp.html. Direct questions about your proposal and the conference to sustainability@webster.edu.

Conferences and Events...

January 13: Building Green Infrastructure, Jobs, and Wealth - Webcast

The Prince George's County, Maryland Urban Stormwater Retrofit Public Private Partnership (P3) Model

This webcast is targeted to professionals interested in innovative financing of urban stormwater retrofits, green jobs, sustainable redevelopment, and green infrastructure for addressing MS4, TMDL, and other requirements and needs. This session will feature the innovative Prince George's County, Maryland Demonstration Pilot Program which illustrates key steps you need to set up and implement a successful community-based Public Private Partnership (P3) for a green infrastructure-driven urban stormwater retrofit program. Presentations will describe the process for pulling together the needed expertise - from RFQ to

implementation. The webcast will be presented from noon - 2:00 PM CST. Go to <http://goo.gl/VbYwM4> for more information and register to participate.

January 14: Planning for Green Infrastructure -Webcast on Healthy Watersheds Program

This webcast, sponsored by EPA's healthy watersheds program and the Watershed Academy on January 14 from noon - 2 PM CST, will be on planning for green infrastructure at the landscape scale, highlighting New York State's new planning guide and ecological processes that provide clean water, clean air, and critical wildlife habitat. This webcast will help states and local governments understand the importance of planning to protect green infrastructure landscapes by using a strategic land-scape approach to open-space conservation. By using this approach, local communities, landowners, and organizations work together to identify, design, and conserve their local land network and the multiple ecological and economic benefits it provides. Go to <http://goo.gl/3LAS64> for more information and to register to attend.

January 14: Northeast Public Sewer District Public Meeting

The Northeast Public Sewer District will host a public meeting on January 14 at 6 PM at the district's office located at 1041 Gravois Road, Fenton. Based on findings of a recently completed Continuing Authority Feasibility Study, the district is requesting that the original 1978 St. Louis 208 Water Quality Management Plan be amended to eliminate the requirements for the construction of sewer interceptors under the Meramec River connecting to the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District Lower Meramec Tunnel. The district is also seeking comment on its request to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to be granted Level 2 Continuing Authority under the St. Louis 208 Water Quality Management Plan. For more information, contact Bob Hembrook, executive director, at (636) 343-5090.

January 15: APA Luncheon: St. Louis County Strategic Plan - Data Driven and Policy Focused

The St. Louis Metropolitan Section - American Planning Association (APA) will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Wednesday, January 15, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, at Syberg's, 7802 Gravois Road, St. Louis. Non-APA members are welcome to attend. Description: St. Louis County recently adopted a new strategic plan, *Imagining Tomorrow for St. Louis County*. The plan is the result of an 18 month planning process. Justin Carney, senior planner with St. Louis County, will provide an overview of the Plan, including analysis of 2010 Census data and the policy framework developed as a result of the analysis. The presentation will explain the three policy areas addressed in the plan: the aging of the population, the emerging Millennial population and the concentration of the poverty. The presentation will focus on the strategic planning process and include information regarding the Policy Roundtable discussions and the Community Leaders Idea Exchange. The presentation will outline the future direction for the county and discuss lessons learned. Registration deadline is January 10. For more information and link to the registration page, go to www.mo-apa.org/events/saint-louis-events.

January 16: Financing for Public and Private Sector Energy Efficient Upgrades - Webinar

At this webinar, learn how public sector organizations are improving energy efficiency with innovative solutions to financial barriers. Attendees will learn about financing projects in the public and private sectors, the basics of performance contracting, and how EPA's tools and resources can help you make the decision to improve your facilities now or later. The webinar will be presented January 16, from 1:00 - 2:15 PM CST. Register to participate at <http://goo.gl/tHk6xu>.

January 18: Creating a Beloved Community - A Public Forum to Present the Findings of the Missouri Civic Health Index

In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, on Saturday, January 18, the United Way of Greater St. Louis, Washington University in St. Louis, Saint Louis University, the University of Missouri – St. Louis, and Missouri State University, will present the findings of the 2012 Missouri Civic Health Assessment, a study of civic participation in the St. Louis region and across Missouri. Civic Health is measured using four broad categories: Social Capital; Non-political Civic Participation; Electoral and Non-Electoral Political Participation; and Confidence in Institutions. Honoring the tradition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. forum

participants will enjoy breakfast together while engaging in civic dialogue aimed at generating mutual understanding and a commitment to continued service. Two calls-to-action will immediately follow the interactive presentation. Forum participants will complete on-site service projects at the event, and an agency resource fair will connect participants to community resources and opportunities to engage in future volunteer projects. This event will honor the diverse history of St. Louis, celebrating its 250th anniversary in 2014, by inspiring people to engage in purposeful service projects aimed at restoring the physical and socio-economic fabric of St. Louis communities. Event is 9:00 to 11:30 AM, including a breakfast, panel of experts, table topic roundtable discussions, and agency and volunteer resource fair. For more information and to register to attend (registration required), go to www.stlvolunteer.org/MLK.

January 22: Green Goods: How to Create Sustainable County Purchasing and Procurement Programs - NACO Webcast

As counties strive to reduce waste, conserve energy and lower operational costs, purchasing recycled and environmentally friendly goods, materials and services can greatly contribute to meeting a county's financial and sustainability goals. The National Associations of Counties (NACO) hosts this webcast on how you can help your county develop an environmentally preferred purchasing program, navigate the myriad of product eco-labels and green purchasing guidelines and hear success stories from counties that have established sustainable purchasing and procurement programs. The webinar will be held January 22, from 1:00 - 2:15 PM CST. Register at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/657367490>.

January 22: Water and Energy Nexus in Disasters

Webinar Series: Emergency Power Generation at Drinking Water and Wastewater Utilities

EPA will be hosting its first of four Water and Energy Nexus in Disasters webinars on January 22, from noon - 1:15 PM. The webinar will feature two water utility speakers who will share their perspectives and experiences with backup generators, covering topics such as sizing, maintenance, and fuel storage and delivery. Frank Bennett, the Stafford County Utilities Facility Maintenance Manager, and Robert Fullagar, the Director of Distribution at Middlesex Water Company, will also share their lessons learned from significant storm events that impacted their utilities, including Superstorm Sandy. Register to attend the webinar at <http://goo.gl/K22dWT>.

January 27 and 29: Campaign Skills Workshop

Description: Just like you need a blueprint to build a house, you need a plan to build a campaign. On January 27 and 29, the Sue Shear Institute will offer "Pipeline to Local Office," a timely two-day seminar for candidates for local office and their supporters. Topics include: developing a winning campaign plan and budget, targeting voters, fundraising, and getting voters to the polls. Classes are held from 6-9 PM in Woods Hall Room 101, UM-St. Louis. Cost: \$70 (\$85 after Jan. 17). You can't afford to make it up as you go along. For more information or to register, contact Michelle Landers-Ochsner at (314) 516-4727 or visit www.umsl.edu/sueshear.

February 5: CityArchRiver 2015 Report to the Community

At its fourth annual Report to the Community, CityArchRiver 2015's project partners will speak on milestones achieved in the last year and upcoming activity for 2014. The National Park Service, Great Rivers Greenway District, Missouri Department of Transportation, CityArchRiver 2015 Foundation and project designers will provide updates to the public. The Report to the Community will be held in Ferrara Theatre at the America's Center, 701 Convention Plaza, St. Louis, Mo. 63101. Doors open at 5:30 PM, with the presentation starting at 6 PM. CityArchRiver 2015 will make the Arch easier and safer for everyone to experience by connecting, invigorating and expanding the park's grounds and museums. Learn more at www.cityarchriver.org.

What's in the News...

In regional news...

Citizens for Modern Transit Releases New Form Based Code Policy Brief

Citizens for Modern Transit (CMT) has announced the release of a new policy brief on Form Based Code around transit in St. Louis. The report includes draft overlay zoning codes – one for the City of Pagedale and one for the for City of St. Louis.

With the goal of creating more livable, walkable communities around transit, this brief can serve as a tool in developer, municipality, and community toolboxes. Though the St. Louis region has a world class transit system, the region has struggled to leverage the system to build communities that foster healthier lifestyles, the development of mixed-use, mixed-income neighborhoods with increased accessibility and sustainability.

You can read more and link to the brief from

<http://cmt-stl.org/cmt-releases-a-new-form-based-code-policy-brief> .

Source: Citizens for Modern Transit, January 8, 2014

In national news...

U.S. Falls Far Behind in Broadband Access

With the U.S. ranking 35th out of 148 countries in Internet bandwidth and anywhere from 14th to 31st in average connection speed, experts are warning that the country's broadband deficit could harm its economic and technological competitiveness.

"The United States, the country that invented the Internet, is falling dangerously behind in offering high-speed, affordable broadband service to businesses and consumers, according to technology experts and an array of recent studies," reports Edward Wyatt. "In terms of Internet speed and cost, 'ours seems completely out of whack with what we see in the rest of the world,' said Susan Crawford, a law professor at Yeshiva University in Manhattan, a former Obama administration technology adviser and a leading critic of American broadband."

Though the Obama administration recognizes there are "significant areas for improvement," there is disagreement "over how far behind the United States really is in what many people consider as basic a utility as water and electricity — and how much it will affect the nation's technological competitiveness over the next decade."

Read the full story at <http://goo.gl/DDSZEp>.

Source: *Planetizen Newswire*, January 6, 2014

Following is an excerpt from the New York Times article:

"San Antonio is the seventh-largest city in the United States, a progressive and economically vibrant metropolis of 1.4 million people sprawled across south-central Texas. But the speed of its Internet service is no match for the Latvian capital, Riga, a city of 700,000 on the Baltic Sea. Riga's average Internet speed is at least two-and-a-half times that of San Antonio's..."

Raise Value, Avert Risk, Focus on Form

Scott Polikov writes in *Better! Cities & Towns*:

"The current commodity driven system is prone to boom and bust cycles. Form-based planning facilitates the holistic development of enduring, diverse neighborhoods. Before the mid-20th Century in the US and abroad, housing combined with street-level retail as well as other walkable neighborhood patterns were commonplace. This development pattern did not just achieve a neighborhood aesthetic; it also off-set real estate risk during economic cycles by diversifying and synergizing markets in terms of uses, ages, incomes, and generational cohesion. We abandoned this pattern through single-use zoning and streets designed just to move traffic. Financing policy followed suit, and securing equity and qualified debt for

walkable urbanism became more difficult.”

Read more at <http://bettercities.net/article/raise-value-avert-risk-focus-form-20901>

Source: *BCT News Update*, January 8, 2014

Online Resources...

Healthy Communities Toolkit

The new Healthy Communities Toolkit, produced by Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Planning Association (APA), is designed to help planners, public health professionals and community members included health issues in local planning and decision-making. The toolkit is composed of four elements that work together to achieve this goal: Healthy Community Design Checklist; Healthy Community Design PowerPoint Presentation; Creating a Health Profile of Your Neighborhood; and the Planning for Health Resources Guide. The Healthy Communities Toolkit is online at www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/toolkit/default.htm.

Jobs...

Manager of Economic Development

City of University City

The Manager of Economic Development is a senior level professional position in the Department of Community Development. Under the administrative direction of the Deputy Director of Planning, Zoning and Economic Development, the Manager of Economic Development is the lead person in the City’s economic development and revitalization efforts. The incumbent is responsible for business attraction and retention; serving as a liaison between the City and various business organizations and associations; and managing and coordinating technical economic development strategies. The incumbent will spend a considerable amount of time in the field carrying out principal responsibilities. Pay Range: \$43,746 - \$55,313. Application deadline is January 10. View the full job posting and application instructions at www.ucitymo.org/index.aspx?NID=90. EOE

Assistant City Engineer

City of O’Fallon, Ill.

The City of O’Fallon, Ill., is seeking a full-time Assistant City Engineer. This position is responsible for assisting the Director of Public Works (City Engineer) in performing professional, administrative, and supervisory civil engineering work relating to the design, construction, and maintenance of City infrastructure. Hire range is \$70,600 to \$88,296 DOQ. View the full job posting and application instructions at http://www.ofallon.org/Public_Documents/OFallonIL_Jobs. Closes January 30.

Executive Director

University City Chamber of Commerce

The University City, Missouri Chamber of Commerce is searching for a dynamic and goal oriented individual with a Bachelors Degree and min. of 2 years related experience including experience in working with a Board of Directors. Strong skills in membership development & retention are essential as well as finance, computer skills, marketing, advertising and community development & business relations. Salary is competitive and negotiable. Link to the full job posting and application instructions from www.universitycitychamber.com. EOE

Transportation Analyst II - Travel Demand Modeler

East-West Gateway Council of Governments

The East-West Gateway Council of Governments has an opening for a Transportation Analyst. This professional position reports to the Manager of Systems Evaluation and has general responsibility for developing and analyzing travel demand forecasts, as well as upgrading and maintaining the region's travel demand model. Experience in transportation systems modeling and statistical analysis is required. The salary is based on qualifications and experience. The Council offers a competitive benefits package. The full job description and application instructions are available at www.ewgateway.org/AboutUs/JobAds/jobads.htm. EOE/AA

Additional Job Opportunities

Executive Assistant, Great Rivers Greenway District: <http://goo.gl/CN7PxS>

Part-time Staff Accountant, Great Rivers Greenway District: <http://goo.gl/CN7PxS>

Part-time Municipal Clerk, Village of Riverview: E-mail cityhall@riverviewmo.org to request job posting

Parks & Rec. Program Coordinator, City of Brentwood, \$39,901 DOQ: www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx

Part-time City Clerk, City of Crystal Lake Park, \$21-\$24/hr.: E-mail cityclerk@crystallakepark.org to request job posting

Planner – GIS Technician, City of Arnold: www.arnoldmo.org

Administrative Assistant to the Mayor/Deputy City Clerk, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$17.68/hr: www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources

Police Officer, City of Brentwood: www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx

Maintenance Worker, City of Crestwood, \$28,000 annual: www.ci.crestwood.mo.us

Administrative Clerk (Police Dept.), City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$15.25/hr.: www.ofallon.mo.us/images/pubs/HR/Admin%20Clerk.pdf

Healthy Communities Coordinator, Beyond Housing: <http://goo.gl/k0oICl>

Clerk I, City of Wentzville, \$12.40 - \$17.38/hr: www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx

Communications Officer, City of Wentzville, \$16.868- \$21.86/hr: www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx

Corrections Technician, City of Wentzville, \$35,084 - \$49,115/yr: www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx

Police Officer, City of Wentzville, \$44,193- \$61,871/yr: www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx

Warrant Clerk, City of O'Fallon, Mo., Step 1 - \$16.02/hr: www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources

HR Generalist; City of O'Fallon, Mo.; \$40,601-\$42,644 start; www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources

Maintenance Worker I, City of Fenton: www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874

Application/Web Developer, City of Chesterfield, start at \$51,892/yr.: www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html

Police Officer, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$44,802-\$47,071: www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources

Grants...

Green Infrastructure Technical Assistance

EPA's Office of Wastewater Management is seeking letters of interest from communities that want to implement green infrastructure to protect water quality and build more sustainable communities. The Green Infrastructure Technical Assistance program provides assistance to help communities 1) overcome the most significant barriers to green infrastructure, and 2) develop innovative approaches to implementation that meet multiple environmental, social, and economic goals. Apply by January 24. Learn more at <http://goo.gl/kqtGOX>.

Youth Education Programs

The American Honda Foundation is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations and schools for programs or projects that support the teaching of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Application for environmental projects, job training, and literacy programs will also be considered. Grants of up to \$75,000 will be awarded to qualified nonprofit organizations that are tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a public school district, private/public elementary, or secondary school as listed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics. Application deadline is February 1. Go to <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf> for more information.

Federal Recreational Trails Program - Missouri

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is accepting grant applications from private organizations and municipal, county or state agencies for the Fiscal Year 2014 grant round of the federal Recreational Trails Program. The Recreational Trails Program is funded through the Federal Highway Administration. Eligible project categories include development of new trails, construction, maintenance, and restoration. All grants are awarded on a reimbursement basis, and a minimum 20 percent match is required for projects. Application deadline is March 31. Go to "Recreational Trails Program (RTP)" at www.mostateparks.com/page/55065/outdoor-recreation-grants for more information and the schedule for call-in grant application workshops.

Economic Development Assistance Programs

Under the Economic Development Assistance Programs (EDAP) Federal Funding Opportunity announcement, EDA will make construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs. Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. EDA is soliciting applications from rural and urban communities to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions. EDA's investment priorities include environmentally sustainable development and economically distressed and underserved communities. Rolling deadlines for applications. For more information, see the opportunity synopsis at www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=248297.

Quotes...

"A recurring thread throughout the report is one of humility: We don't know as much as we think we do, and there are certainly no silver-bullet design solutions for systemic public health problems."

Emily Badger, in her article appearing in Atlantic Cities, on a MIT Center for Advanced Urbanism report which "knocks down many of the assumptions that have become entrenched in how we think about health and cities: namely, that walkable cities are healthier than auto-oriented suburbs, that cars are a primary cause of our expanding waistlines, that too much fast food and too little fresh fruit are to blame for inner-city obesity."

Read her article at

<http://www.theatlanticcities.com/neighborhoods/2013/12/much-what-we-know-about-public-health-and-urban-planning-wrong/7886> .

The decade-long project from the MIT Center for Advanced Urbanism and the American Institute of Architects is posted online at <http://goo.gl/U0CXRa>.

Source: *Atlantic Cities*, December 17, 2013

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Line in the resignation letter submitted by Indian Trail, N.C., Council member David Waddell. It translates to "maybe today is a good day (to) resign" in Klingon, the Star Trek language.

Source: *Governing* and *Gawker*, January 6, 2014

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<http://www.ewgateway.org/library/newsletters/newsletters.htm>